

Purpose

Regional Sediment Evaluation Team

RSET is a multi-agency effort that has been formed under the auspices of the Regional Dredging Team. The RDT works on facilitating communication, coordination and resolution of dredging issues among the agencies with jurisdiction for dredged material management. RSET is focused on consolidating the existing regional guidance manuals into one "umbrella" document, allowing consistent evaluation of dredging projects across the region. The resulting regional Sediment Evaluation Framework will be technically applicable throughout the Pacific Northwest for both freshwater and marine sediments.

Announcements

The RSET Annual Meeting was held at the Idaho Fish and Game Building, 600 S. Walnut Street, Boise ID on September 18, 2007.

The west side version of the meeting was held at the Vancouver Hilton, 301 W. 6th Street, Vancouver WA on September 20, 2007.

Copies of the presentations are available at:

http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Doc_list.cfm?sitename=DMMO&pagename=RSETANNUALMEETING07

The PAH Summit was held June 6, 2007 at the Washington Department of Ecology. See the menu link at left for relevant information.

Some of the RSET agencies have provided comment letters on the Interim Final Sediment Evaluation Framework. These letters provide additional information on agency implementation of the Interim SEF. Project proponents should review these agency letters prior to using the SEF. Click on the links below to see the letters:

- [NMFS Response to the Interim Final SEF](#)
- [DEQ's Implementation of the Interim Final SEF](#)
- [DEQ's Evaluation of Reliability of Potential Freshwater Sediment Screening Values](#)
- [US Fish and Wildlife Service Comments](#)
- [Ecology's Comment Letter](#)
- [Ecology's White Papers](#)

*****[Updated SEF Chemical Guidelines Table, 7-1](#), available here. This is a correction from Table 7-1 in the SEF.*****

RSET's Interim Final [Sediment Evaluation Framework](#) is now available. The link on the menu to the left will take you directly to the September 2006 PDF file.

Also, check out:

- [The Interagency Cooperation Plan.](#) This document, dated September 29, 2006, tells everyone they have agreed to play well together and gives the schedule for continuing RSET work.
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The response to comments (all 70 of them) made on the draft CEA

Links of Interest

[Dredging Operations Technical Support - Corps of Engineers](#)

[Great Lakes Regional Dredging Team](#)

[National Dredging Team](#)

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[Oregon Department of Environmental Quality](#)

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